

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: November 10, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2585 (Mr. Jo Bonner of Alabama).

Proponent name, location: Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Tarrytown, NY.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Extension of temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

2-Methyl-4,6-bis[(octylthio)methyl]phenol (CAS No. 110553-27-0) (provided for in subheading 2930.90.29).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The subject product is a synthetic organic chemical used as an antioxidant to prevent the degradation of plastics, lubricants, and coatings. In particular, it is used as a processing stabilizer in rubber and elastomeric products. The subject product is imported from Switzerland and Italy.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: <u>2930.90.29</u>					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000
Customs revenue loss 1/	\$110,500	\$110,500	\$110,500	\$110,500	\$110,500

1/ The estimated revenue loss for 2005 and 2006 results from a temporary duty suspension under HTS heading 9902.32.14 that expires December 31, 2006.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Jeff Clark (202-205-3318); Tariff Affairs contact: David Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Ciba Specialty Chemicals (Proponent) John Deming, 202-857-5200	09/15/2005	No	No	No
BASF Corp. Tom Coleman, 202-289-3900	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Corp. Karen Niedermeyer, 412-777-2058	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer Corp. William Thonack, Fax: 212-239-1089	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Chemical Mfg. Jim O'Connor, Fax: 703-741-6922	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corporation Andrew Zamoyski, 401-823-2230	09/15/2005	No	No	No
DuPont Elaine Olsen, 302-992-2263	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Greg Riddle, Fax: 703-524-7707	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Lonza, Inc. Ray Esposito, 201-316-9200	09/15/2005	No	No	No
Uniroyal Chemical Maureen Fama, Fax: 203-573-2489	09/15/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

None.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2585

To extend the suspension of duty on 2methyl-4,6-bis[(octylthio)methyl]phenol.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2005

Mr. BONNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To extend the suspension of duty on 2methyl-4,6-
bis[(octylthio)methyl]phenol.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION** 1. **2METHYL-4,6-**
4 **BIS[(OCTYLTHIO)METHYL]PHENOL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Heading 9902.32.14 of the Har-
6 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (relating to
7 2methyl-4,6-bis[(octylthio)methyl]phenol) is amended by
8 striking “12/31/2006” and inserting “12/31/2008”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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